

SURVEY
ANALYSIS

14th CELTIC CONFERENCE IN CLASSICS

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INTRODUCTION

The following work is a deep-analysis of the feedback provided by the participants at the Celtic Conference on Classics, hosted in the city of Coimbra in 2023. The scope of this analysis is to design and highlight the strong, and weak, points of the CCC-2023. The conference hosted around 450 scholars and experts in the buildings of the Faculty of Classic Studies of the University of Coimbra in a multi-days event. As far as the 1st of October 2023, 208 participants answered, between them many of the organisers of the 32 panels hosted.

The Google Form used as **questionnaire** was divided into different sections. The survey questionnaire is presented as appendix to this analysis.

A **preliminary question** was focused on the idea to come back to Coimbra in 2025 for the next CCC conference to be host in Portugal.

The **first section** is focused on the **scientific production**, and the perception of the positive – or negative – impacts of the conference on the own work of the scholar.

The **second section** of the questionnaire was focused on **the perception of the support, the organization, and the venues of the conference**.

The **third** and last **section** was focused on the two **social activities** organized: a cultural visit to the University historical UNESCO site and to the Coimbriga Roman ruins, and the final social dinner.

For each section, more information was asked to the respondents in the form of qualitative questions to gain some depth insights on how the participants perceived this enormous event.

We obtained in **total 208 responses**, after a total of three calls was sent to the participants to obtain the more possible answers. We received 46 responses from panel organisers, with no panel going unanswered by at least one of the organisers.

We are **publishing** the **results of the preliminary question and the first section**.

We reserve for the restricted use of the organisers and promoters of the event the answers obtained in sections 2 and 3, since they deal with organisational and logistical issues.

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QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS

Our first question concerns the number of people which will **wish to get back to Coimbra**. A large majority (77,4%) of the people who answered declared their interest in getting back.

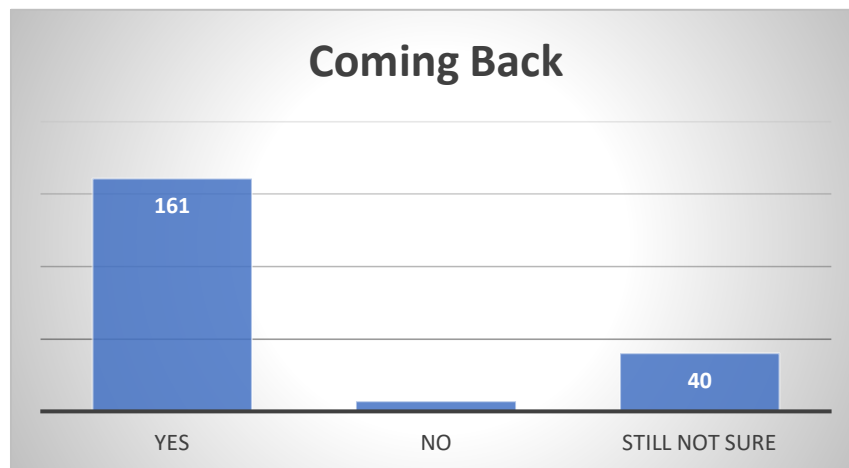


Figure 1 CCC 2025 in Coimbra - Does the experience at this year's conference motivate you to come back to Coimbra in 2025?

We also investigated more properly the **participants who filled the survey**. In the below panel we show the different participations in the panels:

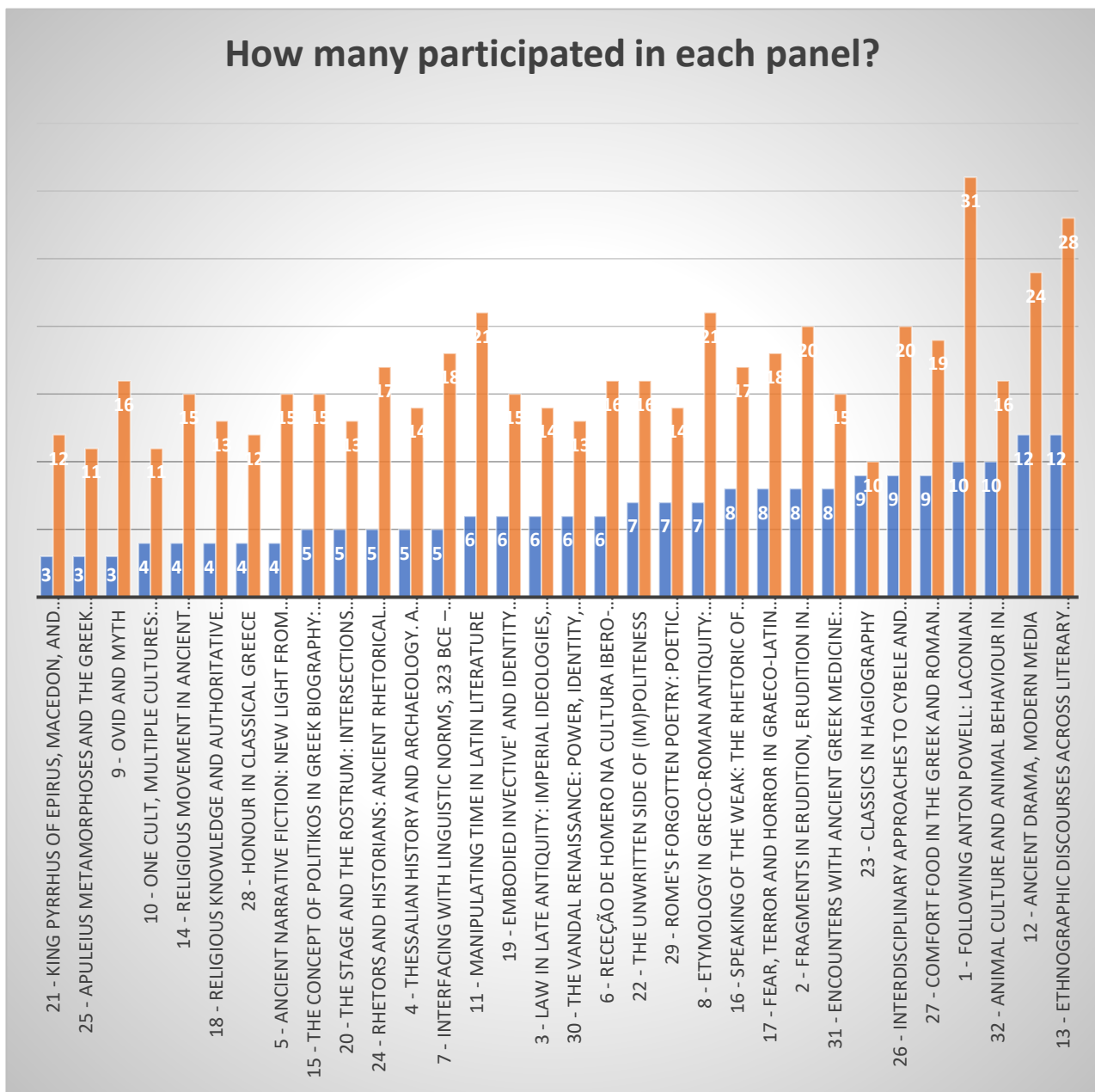


Figure 2 Number of participants for panel and the actual respondents divided for panel

We can notice the panel receiving more answers is number 13, the one dedicated at the ethnographic discourse, followed by the panel on Ancient Drama, Modern Media. We were able to receive a more than fair number of answers. We calculated a mean of 6,5 respondents for panel. The orange column, instead, represents the number of participants for each panel – according to our data on the participation to the event.

Section 1: Scientific production

In the first section of our module, we tried to understand how the participants perceived the scientific outcome of their participation in an event as the CCC. The first question asked how the participants perceived the CCC-2023 as useful for the dissemination of their results.

All our results are on a **scale from 1 to 6**, in which 6 represents always the most satisfaction outcome. We choose also a six-grades scale to avoid the middle number. **Grades 1 to 3** correspond to a **negative evaluation**. **Grades 4 to 6** to a **positive** one. We did not want the participants of the questionnaire to take a middle stance on any issue we have presented them.

In the case of our **first answer**, we can notice how almost the 50% of the surveyed declared the maximum satisfaction possible with the **dissemination of the results**. If we consider the positive side of our scale, almost the 95% of the participants expressed a positive outcome.

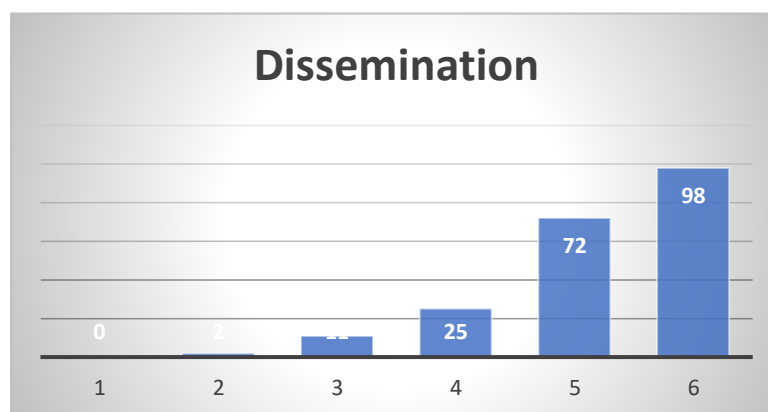


Figure 3 The participation in CCC 2023 has contributed to the dissemination of the research I carry out

This positive outcome is repeated on our questions concerning the **consolidation** of their own **research** and the **internationalization opportunities** offered by such conferences. In this case, the best outcome reaches slightly lower results, still very positive: 44,71% and 52,40% respectively.

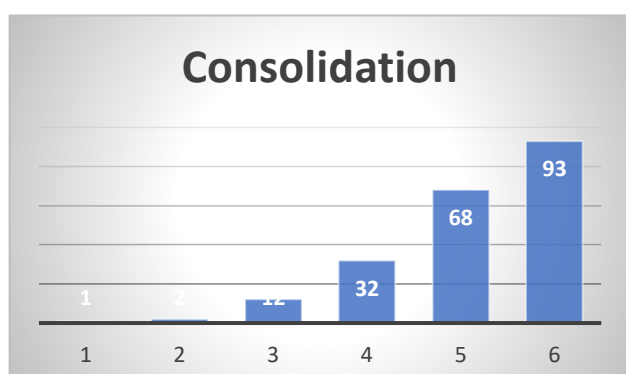


Figure 4 The participation in CCC 2023 has contributed to the consolidation of the research I carry out

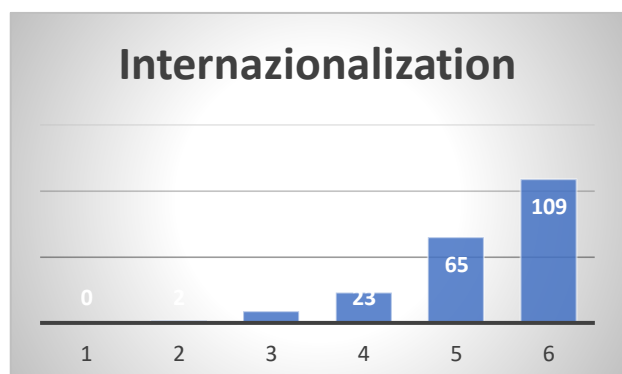


Figure 5 The participation in CCC 2023 has contributed to the internationalization of the research I carry out

Our questions on the **networking opportunities** offered by the CCC and the general production of knowledge gave us even better results. 53% of the participants are completely satisfied with the networking opportunities offered by the CCC and the 56% with the **production of knowledge** of the conference.

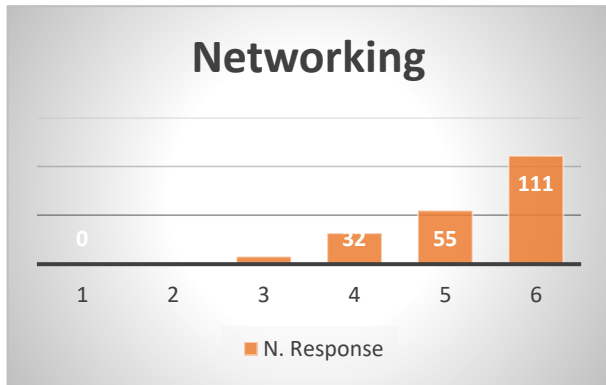


Figure 6 The participation in CCC 2023 has contributed to the establishment and/or reinforcement of my research networking

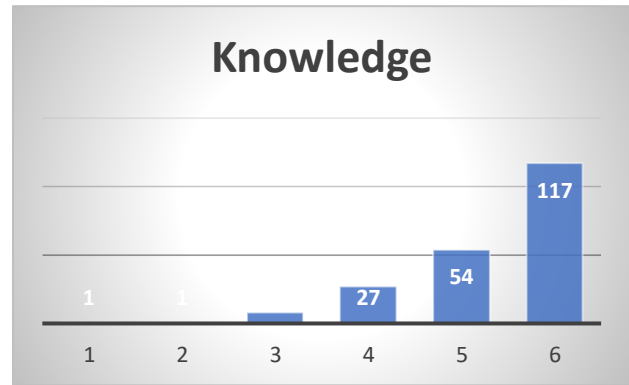


Figure 7 The participation in CCC 2023 has improved my knowledge about the topics faced in the panel I attended

Our last question of this section was concerning the **possibility to publish** some contents after the CCC, asked only to the panel coordinators. 71% declared their interest in doing something like that.

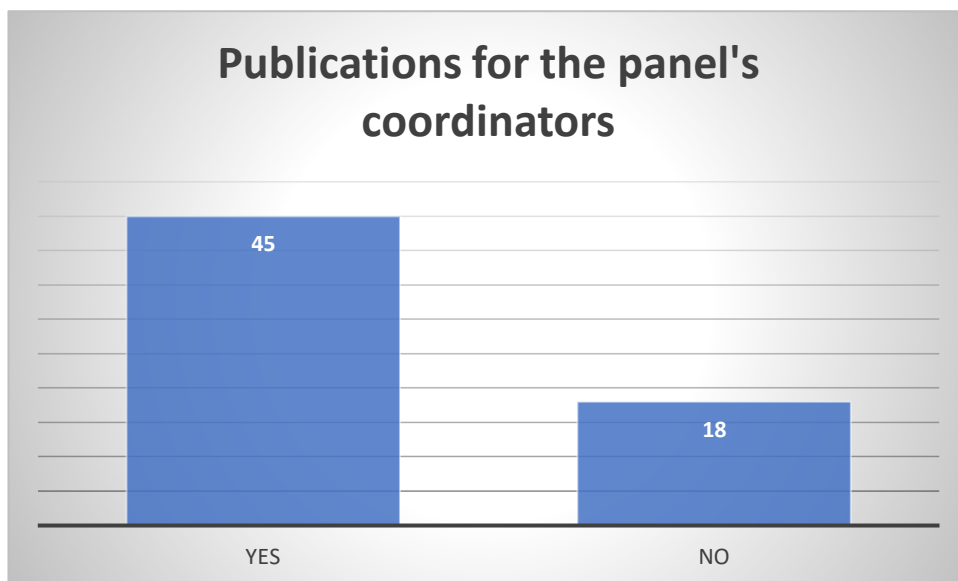


Figure 8 Number of coordinators deciding to publish or not something after the CCC

QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS

At each section of our questionnaire, we also offered some **free space** for our respondents to **provide feedback** about the three different sections of our analysis: the social part, the visit and dinner side, and the more academic part of the conference itself. Our hypothesis is that the anonymous feedback, together with the questionnaire, can provide useful insights for the organization and for the experts participating in such events.

We obtained a **total of 268 written feedback** concerning the four topics of our evaluation.

Perception on the Academic Value

There is no negative attitude perceived toward the conference, which, instead, it is mostly perceived as useful. The use of a peculiar terminology by the participants is a reason why our sentiment analysis is biased toward neutrality. Most of the comments are written in a scientific, almost academic way. The dictionary we used as part of VADER is not capable, in this case, to collect the nuances. Some comments, as “I greatly enjoyed the opportunity to expand my knowledge on one research topic in such depth, with top experts. Thank you very much!” (Item 33) can be seen as clearly positive feedback. But, if we look at the complexity of the entire statement:

“I greatly enjoyed the opportunity to expand my knowledge on one research topic in such depth, with top experts. Thank you very much! The option to present online was also useful, since my flight to Coimbra was unfortunately cancelled, so it was good to have the option to present online. I look forward to keeping in touch with my new colleagues and research network and am eager that a research publication will come out of this conference.” (Item 122)

The entire phrasing it is more scheduled toward a neutral attitude, the verbs and the nouns used fall in a more nonpartisan side of our dictionary. Despite that, reading the comment clearly state as **how the conference was perceived as successful and useful on multiple points of view**.

We can notice certain items were classified as non-positive or neutral, even if a precise reading can notice a **constructive criticism** of the CCC.

Some comments were openly positive, like:

“The organisation has been excellent and an appropriate continuation of Anton Powell’s conception of the CCC”.
(Item 20)

“Panel 27 was a wonderful networking experience, bringing together scholars from numerous countries and disciplines.” (Item 23)

“The CCC 2023 in Coimbra was the most intellectually stimulating academic conference that I have attended as a speaker in my six years of attending conferences.” (Item 44)

“As the founder with Anton Powell of the International Sparta Seminar (ISS), I was delighted at the scientific impact of the conference on Spartan studies and at the quality of papers and networking.” (Item 53)

“I thoroughly enjoyed participating in CCC 2023, and it was very beneficial for me on a professional level”. (Item 78)

“This has been a beautifully-run conference, which has been very welcoming to scholars of all backgrounds, ranks, and ages. Everyone with whom I spoke was unanimously positive in their appraisal of this meeting. It will certainly encourage those who attended to return to Portugal and Coimbra (in particular) for academic and other cultural purposes.” (Item 82)

“The friendliest large conference I have ever attended; brilliantly organised and I was very moved by the opening session. Coimbra was a revelation and I will hope to come back.” (Item 199)

The feedback of a first time attendant to the CCC merits to be quoted in this analysis:

“As a first time participating as a speaker in a conference I can say it was a very fruitfull 4 days” (Item 29)

APPENDIX

Celtic Conference 2023 - After Attendance Evaluation

This form is designed to (1) assess the scientific impact of the conference on its participants, (2) collect information on satisfaction with the organization, (3) gather feedback about the social program and (4) suggestions for improvement. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete it.

* Indicates a mandatory question

* Indica uma pergunta obrigatória

1. Email *

2. Type of participation: *

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Panel Organiser

5. Please, select your panel: *

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- 1 - Following Anton Powell: Laconian Perspectives for a New Millennium
- 2 - Fragments in Erudition, Erudition in Fragments
- 3 - Law in Late Antiquity: Imperial Ideologies, Communication, Religion
- 4 - Thessalian History and Archaeology. A diachronic and multidisciplinary investigation
- ...
- 5 - Ancient Narrative Fiction: New Light from the Papyri
- 6 - Recepção de Homero na Cultura Ibero-Americana Contemporânea
- 7 - Interfacing with linguistic norms, 323 BCE – 1453 CE
- 8 - Etymology in Greco-Roman Antiquity: Literary, Linguistic, and Philosophical Perspectives
- 9 - Ovid and Myth
- 10 - One Cult, Multiple Cultures: Multilingualism and Religion in Western Roman Inscriptions
- 11 - Manipulating Time in Latin Literature
- 12 - Ancient Drama, Modern Media
- 13 - Ethnographic Discourses across Literary Genres in Classical and Late Antiquity
- 14 - Religious Movement in Ancient Mediterranean Art
- 15 - The Concept of politikos in Greek biography: from Plutarch to Eunapius of Sardis
- 16 - Speaking of the Weak: The Rhetoric of Vulnerability in Greek Classical...
- 17 - Fear, terror and horror in Graeco-Latin Antiquity and its Reception in Popular Culture
- 18 - Religious Knowledge and Authoritative Texts in Judaic, Christian, Gnostic, ...
- 19 - Embodied invective' and identity construction in ancient literature
- 20 - The stage and the rostrum: intersections between drama and oratory...
- 21 - King Pyrrhus of Epirus, Macedon, and briefly Sicily, a Reappraisal 2300 Years Later
- 22 - The Unwritten Side of (Im)politeness
- 23 - Classics in Hagiography
- 24 - Rhetors and Historians: Ancient Rhetorical Education...
- 25 - Apuleius Metamorphoses and the Greek novel
- 26 - Interdisciplinary Approaches to Cybele and Her Followers
- 27 - Comfort Food in the Greek and Roman Worlds

- 28 - Honour in Classical Greece
- 29 - Rome's forgotten poetry: Poetic production between community-based art, folklore...
- 30 - The Vandal Renaissance: Power, Identity, and Traditions in the Latin Literature...
- 31 - Encounters with Ancient Greek Medicine: Intertextuality and Survival
- 32 - Animal Culture and Animal Behaviour in the Ancient World

I - Scientific Impact of the Conference

Please, evaluate the following topics, keeping in mind that 1 = Lowest level of agreement/satisfaction, 6 = Highest level of agreement/satisfaction.

6. 1. The participation in CCC 2023 has contributed to the consolidation of the research I carry out: *

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1 2 3 4 5 6

Not : Completely agree

7. 2. The participation in CCC 2023 has contributed to the dissemination of the research I carry out: *

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1 2 3 4 5 6

Not : Completely agree

8. 3. The participation in CCC 2023 has contributed to the internationalisation of the research I carry out: *

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1 2 3 4 5 6

Not : Completely agree

9. 4. The participation in CCC 2023 has contributed to the establishment and/or reinforcement of my research networking: *

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1 2 3 4 5 6

Not : Completely agree

10. 5. The participation in CCC 2023 has improved my knowledge about the topics faced in the panel I attended: *

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1 2 3 4 5 6

Not : Completely agree

11. 6. If you are a panel organiser, do you plan to move towards a future collective publication with the papers discussed?

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Yes

No

12. 7. We would like to know your personal testimony on this topic. Please, leave a free comment here:

II - Satisfaction toward the organisation

Please, evaluate the following topics, keeping in mind that 1 = Lowest level of agreement/satisfaction, 6 = Highest level of agreement/satisfaction.

13. 1. The contents on the web page of the Conference: *

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1 2 3 4 5 6

Not: Completely satisfied

14. 2. The communication with the organisation before the Conference: *

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1 2 3 4 5 6

Not: Completely satisfied

15. 3. . The face-to-face assistance by the Staff during the Conference: *

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1 2 3 4 5 6

Not: Completely satisfied

16. 4. The online assistance by the Staff during the Conference: *

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1 2 3 4 5 6

Not: Completely satisfied

17. 5. The venue of the conference - reception, rooms, canteen, faculty spaces: *

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1 2 3 4 5 6

Not: Completely satisfied

18. 6. We would like to know your personal testimony on this topic. Please, leave a free comment here:

III - Social Program

Please, help us with the evaluation of the social program answering the following question.

19. 1. Did you participate in one of the two visits? *

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Yes

No

If your answer was YES, please proceed to questions 2 and 3. Otherwise skip to question 4 and onwards.

20. 2. Please tick the visit you have attended:

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21. 3. Let us know your level of satisfaction with the visit:

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1 2 3 4 5 6

Not: Very satisfied

22. 4. We would like to know your personal testimony on this topic. Please, leave a free comment here:

IV - Closing dinner

Please, help us with the evaluation of the closing dinner answering the following question.

23. 1. Did you attend the closing dinner? *

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Yes

No

If your answer was YES, please proceed to questions 2. Otherwise skip to question 3 and onwards.

24. 2. Let us know your level of satisfaction with the visit:

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1 2 3 4 5 6

Not: Very satisfied

25. 3. We would like to know your personal testimony on this topic. Please, leave a free comment here:

V. Suggestions for Improvement

26. As for any events, we feel there is still room for some adjusting. Because we would like to improve, we have created this section for you to leave a comment, to help us do better in the future. Please, leave below any suggestions you think could be useful:

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